

# Honolulu Star-Bulletin

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## THE RIGHT TO CRITICISE

The prophecy in these columns some weeks ago that popular sentiment would not uphold the sending of a Paterson, New Jersey, Socialist editor to jail because of his criticism of the police conditions in the eastern city has been abundantly fulfilled. Most of the comment on the case is adverse to the New Jersey authorities, and such temperate papers as the Outlook and Boston Transcript regard the jailing of Editor Alexander Scott as a perversion of justice.

The Outlook, which makes a feature of discussion of industrial disputes from first-hand information, brings up an important point—that Scott was tried on an entirely wrong charge. He was tried on the charge of inciting to disorder. A careful study of the language he used editorially does not bear out the charge, for though bitterly attacking the Paterson chief of police and his force, Scott did not urge protest by physical violence. The Outlook thinks that if any charge were laid, it should have been that of libel, in which case Scott would have been able to set up allegations of truth as a line of defense.

To the general public, the most important point emphasized by the whole incident is the statement of a principle—that of the freedom of the press, thus admirably summarized by the Outlook as follows:

"No law is constitutional, no law will be sustained by the American people, which denies the right of the press to report truthfully the acts of any government—or any branch of government, city, county, state or national—and to comment on those acts, however sharply. This right, however, is not to be an excuse or veil for lying about the acts of government or of any public man, or for inciting to mob violence."

That this principle is widely recognized is proved by the expression of indignation against the Paterson verdict. The Socialist papers are not particularly popular with the press in general, but the Scott case has aroused deep protest. A free press is necessary to a free people.

## HAWAII COURTS INVESTIGATION

The latest news of Democratic activity against the "insidious lobbyists" is that an inquiry will be directed to the operations of the paid press bureaus. According to a dispatch this morning, it is claimed an investigation will show "that well-organized news agencies have been maintained by representatives of different industries," and that the agencies were used "in the hope of creating sentiment against the proposed tariff reductions."

Well, what of it? We have no doubt these charges are true, and what of it? Is there anything sinister in that? Is there anything insidious in that?

The senate's lobby probe committee went rather fully into this phase of "insidious lobbying" when it had George Carter, Judge Ballou and E. E. Paxton on the stand. And if there was anything brought out at that time, it was that so far as the Domestic Sugar Producers' Bureau is concerned, the cane sugar men have conducted their publicity campaign in an absolutely open and above-board manner.

The testimony showed that the news bureaus were used solely and simply as a means of getting up in attractive and readable form facts about the sugar industry that could be sent to the newspapers of the country. The papers were under no obligation to print the articles. They could comment upon them as they chose; they could give the origin of the articles if they chose; they could handle the matter in any way they chose. The press service bureau was employed, as the experienced newspaper writers were employed, to get the facts into "newspaper stuff," into a style conformable with newspaper usage.

The testimony showed that the sugar producers advertised in Washington papers on the same basis as any other advertisers. They asked and received no special favors. They took "display space" and paid regular rates for it.

Hawaii emerges from the ruck and hubbub of the investigation with distinct credit to the men who have represented Hawaii at Washington. They have been making a thoroughly clean, above-board fight. They can show where every dollar spent has gone, and can show that it has gone legitimately.

There is no denial that Hawaii has used the methods of organized publicity in this fight against the Wilson-Underwood bill. The course of the senate finance committee and of Mr. Wilson himself made the course of the Hawaiian del-

egation necessary. The finance committee never gave Hawaii an adequate hearing, even through its sub-committee. The abortive attempts to secure adequate conferences with the president have been told in detail here and on the mainland.

Hawaii had to go before the country to get a hearing, and naturally the way to do that was to go through the columns of the press.

Is there anything unfair in that? Is there anything devious or illegitimate in that? Of course not.

The news bureaus were used as a matter of efficient circulation of the arguments of the sugar men. They were paid as a matter of business. Hawaii stands perfectly willing for investigation. The result will only emphasize what has already been proved.

## WHAT THE EDITORS SAY

Editor and Publisher: "If the sugar men can prove to the satisfaction of the senators that the adoption of the proposed schedule affecting their business would be detrimental to the country's best interests, why should they be censured for setting forth those arguments in an open and frank way in the newspapers? Those who favor the schedule have the same mediums at their command if they care to use them."

Phoenix (Ariz.) Republican: "Mr. Wilson, we think, failed to take notice of a pretty wide distinction between the lobbyist and the earnest representative of an industry which is to be affected by pending legislation. . . . The work of the [domestic sugar] bureau is legitimate, consisting of the presentation of facts and figures relative to the domestic sugar industry."

The Fourth Estate: "The domestic sugar interest, which is carrying on an advertising campaign in the newspapers, and is presumably one of the interests to which the president refers, should be accorded without censure the right to make an open appeal to the public through paid publicity."

Salt Lake City (Utah) Tribune: "The right of the American citizen engaged in business to show to congress as a whole and to members of congress individually the effect of proposed legislation is one so precious that its invasion is an invasion of the civic and political rights of the people."

San Francisco (Cal.) Chronicle: "Naturally those who think themselves in danger rush to Washington to protest. Have they not a right to do so? Is not the right of petition guaranteed by the constitution? Is it best that congress should legislate in ignorance of the facts?"

Sioux City (Ia.) Journal: "The disclosure that an active free sugar lobby is maintained in Washington may be accepted as a sure indication that somebody other than the ultimate consumer is going to profit by the removal of duty."

Among the academic questions confronting the public service commission is that of jurisdiction of certain of our tidy little railroads that are still in the paper stage.

Cable dispatches say that \$319,000,000 was spent in 1912 to see the "movies". This should suggest a new probe to President Wilson.

When publicity comes to be designated "insidious," America's traditional liberty goes out of business, which is not yet.

Union Pacific's plan for unscrambling is about as simple as the description of a golf game written in Sanskrit.

Yes, the Star-Bulletin is a year old and suffers not from literary senility nor infantile paralysis.

Sam Gompers says somebody tried to bribe him. We should think it very likely indeed.

About the only thing for the governor's successor to fill now is a pair of shoes.

This scrap in Macedonia is the most fun Turkey has had for a long time.

Bulgaria is now accused of putting the lies in Allies.

We presume the White House now refers to Mr. McNab as an insidious lobbyist.

## Personal Mention

JOHN GALT was numbered among the passengers returning in the Manchuria from the mainland this morning.

REGINALD H. CARTER, organist at St. Andrew's Cathedral, returned from the coast this morning in the Manchuria.

PROFESSOR AND MRS. GEORGE MEAD, University of Chicago, arrived in Honolulu on the Manchuria this morning.

J. LENNOX, manager of N. S. Sachs' Dry Goods Co., returned by the Manchuria this morning from his annual buying trip.

E. M. WATSON returned to Honolulu this morning, accompanied by Mrs. Watson. They were passengers in the Manchuria.

A. E. LARKINER of the local Y. M. C. A., is back from a business and pleasure tour of the mainland. He returned in the steamer Manchuria.

E. E. PAXTON of Alexander & Baldwin, returning from a business mission to the Eastern states, was a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria.

ALLAN HERBERT, who has been absent on the mainland for the past three months, returned to Honolulu in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria this morning.

W. O. SMITH, having undergone a slight operation upon his eye while at San Francisco, returned this morning as a passenger in the Manchuria. His condition is much improved.

CHARLES F. HARDING, prominent Chicago Attorney, accompanied by Mrs. Harding, arrived in Honolulu on the Manchuria. Mr. Harding is here on a combined business and pleasure trip.

MRS. W. J. THOMAS, wife of Professor Thomas of the University of Chicago, prominent social worker in the Windy City, is in Honolulu on a visit. Mrs. Thomas arrived on the Manchuria today.

MME. PUAHI will start on her seventh annual trip to the island on July 4. She will take ten hula dancers and four music boys. The trip will be over the pali with a Juan at Late, at Mrs. Kaiwila's, then back by way of Haleiwa.

FORMER GOVERNOR GEORGE R. CARTER returned as a passenger in the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria this morning, accompanied by his daughters, Misses Phoebe and Elizabeth Carter, who have visited extensively on the mainland.

HARRY L. FISHER, identified with the municipal government of the city of Manila in the capacity of secretary, is returning to his duties after having spent the greater part of a year on vacation. He is a passenger in the Manchuria.

ROBERT MCGREER is proceeding to the far east as a passenger in the Manchuria for the purpose of arranging for the tour of a select musical comedy and opera company. The former Honolulu theatrical magnet will visit Japan and the Philippines.

SENATOR DELBERT E. METZGER of Hilo was expected home today on the Manchuria, but was not aboard. He left Washington for Philadelphia about the time that Attorney Watson started for Hawaii, and is now expected here in a few days. His visit to Philadelphia was in connection with the continuation of the Hilo breakwater work.

## AGRICULTURE BOARD HAS BUSY MONTH

Reports covering the work accomplished during June by the division of animal industry, the division of entomology and the division of forestry were presented and approved at a meeting of the board of agriculture and forestry at 11 o'clock this morning. Those present were W. M. Giffard, president and executive officer; Albert Waterhouse and A. H. Rice.

The report of the division of forestry, compiled jointly by Ralph S. Hosmer, superintendent of forestry, and David Haughton, forest nurseryman, dealt with the setting aside of four new forest reserves, and a synopsis of the proclamation signed by Governor Frear which creates three forest reserves in the Waianae district.

The report of the division of animal industry covers the condition of the animal quarantine station at Honolulu and also the one at Hilo.

A regulation prohibiting hogs being taken from Oahu to any of the other islands on account of the spread of the hog cholera, was discussed at length. The new animal quarantine station at Ebehuli, it was reported, is now practically complete at a cost of \$878.98, and the construction of the Hilo quarantine station is nearing completion and will be ready for occupation within a week. President Giffard intends visiting the Big Island next week.

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## WATSON IS HOME AND CONFIDENT

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in San Francisco and he told me he expected to stay on the mainland until the appointment was made and would very likely go back to Washington.

"Senator Metzger has been absolutely fair and square in his actions. He said from the first that he supported me, and in Washington he made it plain that he was not a candidate unless it were certain I would not be named."

Here the Star-Bulletin representative told Mr. Watson that the rumor was current in Hawaii that in case Watson should be named governor, he would choose Metzger for secretary of the territory.

"Well, he would make a good one, too," was Watson's emphatic comment.

Speaking of his appearance before the senate committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico to oppose the Gronna prohibition bill, which is directed against the liquor traffic here, Watson says that there is no chance of the bill's receiving much consideration at this session.

"The Democrats are sticking to the rule they made to take up no legislation for passage except the tariff and currency reform bills," he said. He also says that he believes the present session will see the passage of both measures.

"Walter G. Smith made one of the hits before the 'lobby probe' committee," he said, "when he told the committee he didn't know what salary he was going to get for his work in Washington but that he hadn't earned more than ten dollars. He was right. It was hopeless to make the fight, for the passage of the tariff bill without serious change is a matter of Democratic party principle and the party has to put that bill through. Hawaii's fight was like butting your head against a stone wall. However, the territory showed up well in the investigation."

Mrs. Watson returned with her husband. The Misses Bradley, also passengers, are Mrs. Carter's sisters who will visit the Watsons here this summer.

## CHANG YIN TANG VISITS HERE EN ROUTE HOME

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ernment in the United States mainly through the fact that there are few or no matters of grave importance along the line of diplomatic problems to be considered at present. He stated this morning that he was glad of the opportunity offered to revisit China. The elections at the republic are approaching and in order to watch developments he is desirous of being close at hand.

Henry K. Chang, a member of the minister's party which received a cordial welcome at Honolulu this morning. He serves as secretary to Minister Chang. In speaking for his father, the diplomat, he said:

"The establishment of a liberal institution in our country has aroused a great interest in the United States which the minister has keenly appreciated, for he recognizes the fact that it is the extension of this country's doctrine to the other side of the world. During his residence in Washington the minister has been impressed deeply with the friendliness of the American people toward China and the constant impartiality and fairness which this government has shown toward all matters concerning the Orient. Official reports received by the minister from his country show an increasing stability of the new government."

Secretary Chang said his father regards the opening of the Panama Canal and the Panama-Pacific Exposition as two events most important to the new Chinese republic.

There are twelve persons numbered in the diplomatic party which stepped ashore at Honolulu this morning, as the guests of local Chinese. Accompanying the minister, is his wife, Mrs. Chang. Tin Tang, two daughters, Lillian and Alice, H. K. Chang, a son, and private secretary, Mrs. H. K. Chang, a sister-in-law, and two small children and maid, Y. F. Tan, D. M. Chung and W. P. Chung.

Mrs. Henry K. Chang, a niece of President Yuan Shih Kai, at the head of the Chinese Republic. She is said to have been baptised into the Christian church at Shanghai, China, a number of years ago.

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is also said to have read extensively from the works of Carlyle, Spencer and John Stuart Mills.

Her marriage with Mr. Chang, also a keen scholar, quickened still more her desire for learning, and when Doctor Sun Yat Sen, who is her great personal friend, wrote from England and suggested that they should both enter as students at Aberdeen university she followed out the suggestion with great rapidity.

While in Great Britain she evidenced a considerable amount of interest in the question of women's enfranchisement, but concentrated a great deal of her time to the study of various educational systems.

The ministerial party will continue the voyage to the Far East in the Manchuria and are to take their departure from Honolulu, sailing at noon tomorrow.

## THIS NEVER COULD HAPPEN IN HONOLULU

ST. Louis. — Charles H. Hoverbeck, a real estate salesman, committed suicide shortly after midnight because "it was too hot to live."

He was sitting at a table in a cafe, discussing business with a fellow real estate dealer, when he suddenly rose and said: "This weather makes me tired of living."

He went to the rear of the saloon and a few minutes later returned with a bottle of poison, the contents of which he drank.

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